

MINUTES
SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rice, Vice Chairman Grow, Senators Vick, Lakey, Souza, Bayer, Ricks, Nye, and Rabe

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Rice** called the meeting of the Local Government and Taxation Committee (Committee) to order at 2:59 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGE: **Chairman Rice** announced the page introduction would be moved to a later time on the agenda.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Rice passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Grow.

RS 28241 **Relating to Taxing District Budgets.** **Chairman Rice** presented the proposed legislation, stating it had been recommended by the interim Property Taxes and Revenue Expenditures Committee. The legislation changes the cap in the growth of property tax budgets, proposing a cap of 4 percent, with a minimum of 3 percent, if the consumer price index plus new construction do not add up to more than 3 percent. The proposed legislation also allows the taxing district to exceed that growth cap by holding an election.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Nye** questioned if the Association of Idaho Cities or any other municipalities had expressed their opinion regarding the potential legislation. **Chairman Rice** replied that they had a draft of the bill since October, but he expects them to weigh in further with the members of the Committee as the legislation is heard.

MOTION: **Senator Souza** moved to send **RS 28241** to print. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**, with **Senator Nye** and **Senator Rabe** requesting they be recorded as voting nay.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Grow passed the gavel to Chairman Rice.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGE: **Chairman Rice** welcomed the Committee's new page, Jaylee Harris, from Burley, Idaho. **Ms. Harris** informed the Committee that she is the Student Body Vice President at Burley High School and plans to pursue a career as a diplomat. In college she intends to study international policy, and she sought the page position for insight in how our government works and policy is made. She has been on the soccer and softball team throughout high school, and is currently a snowboarding instructor at their local resort on the weekends.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Rice** adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Senator Rice
Chair

Machele Hamilton
Secretary